

SPOTLIGHT

Engaging Youth in Service – and Success: *Check out these resources that support and recognize youth!*

The [Fifth Annual Youth Service Institute](#),

October 26-28, 2008, is a great opportunity to further develop your youth program and learn inventive ways to engage young people as assets on Global Youth Service Day and throughout the year.



[Optimist International's Youth Appreciation](#) highlights the contributions youth make to society by encouraging them to work with adults towards the common goals of education, career development, and service.



[Youth Radio](#)

promotes creative, intellectual, and professional growth by training youth to produce high-

quality original media.

[Ashoka's Youth Venture](#) helps start new youth-led businesses, civil society organizations, and informal programs by assisting with their design and launch and by providing seed funding and guidance.

[Youth Impact](#), a publication from LEARNS, includes in-depth articles for tutor, mentor, and other youth-focused programs. Also from LEARNS, the [YES toolkit](#).

RESOURCES

Pro Bono Volunteering Resources

In September, President Bush highlighted the [Billion + Change](#) initiative in a speech restating the call to service, while David Eisner announced that [businesses have pledged \\$406 million](#) to the initiative. The Resource Center has collected [new resources](#) to support corporations that want to do pro bono work as well as the nonprofits that need such pro bono help to build capacity.



Great Talent for the Greater Good.

Program Snapshots

Curious about how others in your community and the nation are serving? Check out the Effective Practices Collection's new [Program Snapshots](#) page.

Organized by topic, these program snapshots include plenty of success stories. Your own program could be highlighted by [submitting an effective practice online](#).



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Question: *What do AmeriCorps program directors and traditional managers of volunteers have in common?*

Answer: *A lot!* [Competencies for Managers of Volunteers](#), a free online course and self-assessment for volunteer managers, is now available. Anyone who supervises volunteers or who wants to better understand the many competencies required of an effective manager will be interested in this comprehensive tool that includes links to other resources related to the identified competencies. Developed by Larry Ullian and Anne Schink, and translated from paper to web format with help from VISTA Christy Monroe (Maine Commission) and Crystal French (the Muskie School). Contact [Anne Schink](#), Program Manager, Project Invest, Maine Commission for Community Service for details and more information.

Blog Action Day

On October 15, 2008, bloggers can participate in poverty and relief effort discussions during the second annual Blog Action Day. Thousands of blogs have already registered to participate, including popular ones like TechCrunch, ReadWriteWeb, Mashable, and Smashing Magazine. In 2007, more than 20,000 blogs participated along with major corporations and international organizations such



as the United Nations, Google, Wells Fargo, eBay, and Yahoo. [Register for free now.](#)

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Simple tech tip:

The keyboard shortcut **Alt + Tab** allows you to toggle between open applications or tasks without using the mouse. Use the left thumb to hold down the “Alt” key, then tap the “Tab” key with your left middle finger.

RESOURCE CENTER LENDING LIBRARY

This specialized collection offers the national service community highly relevant books, videos, and other materials for staff and volunteer training and enrichment. [Search the library](#) and request resources online!

EFFECTIVE PRACTICES COLLECTION

Effective practices define good ideas, successful strategies, and studied findings to help your program thrive. Read the latest practice submitted by Project STAR: [Planning and conducting a pilot test.](#)

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